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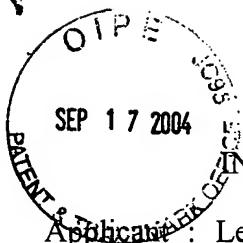
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants recognize that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed.

In the present application, Applicants agree that the limitations recited in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance are not taught or suggested by the art of record, and that the allowed independent claims are distinguished from the cited prior art for at least the reasons stated in the Reasons for Allowance, which are sufficient for allowance of all claims. However, Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. For example, Applicants do not concede that the stated reasons are the only grounds for patentability of the allowed claims, that the limitations excluded from the Reasons for Allowance are taught or suggested by the art of record, or that all of the limitations identified by the Examiner are necessary for patentability of the allowed claims.

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